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DETAILED ACTION

- 1. This Office Action is in response to the Application filed 4/03/2003.
- 2. Claims 1-11 have been presented for examination.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

on pg 2, paragraph [006] the statement "existing local are network" is assumed to mean "existing local area network";

on pg 6, paragraph [0019] the statement "VPC 208 captures the hardware outputs of the host and encodes them for transmission to the VPS." This statement does not translate onto the drawing of Fig. 2 as host 202 is the only "host" shown and is not directly connected to VPC 208. The examiner translates this to mean the VPC 208 captures output from a totally separate host, which is not shown in the drawing.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 11 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 11 is dependent on Claim 6 which does not contain the limitation of "the VPS" as recited in Claim 11. The examiner interprets the intended dependency of Claim 11 to be Claim 9 and is treated as such for purposes of examination.

Appropriate correction is required.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 6. Claims 1-6 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication Number 2002/0038334 A1, Schneider et al., hereinafter Schneider.
- 7. As per Claim 1, Schneider teaches the following:

utilizing universal serial bus (USB) protocol to provide movement of a mouse cursor on a host computer to an absolute position, (pg 3, paragraph [0031]), i.e. the keyboard and mouse are merged into a single interface (e.g., USB or Macintosh-style), (pg 9, paragraph [0087]), i.e. the controlling computer 12 generates a pseudo-cursor (e.g., a set of cross-hairs)that indicates where the digitized cursor should be. The examiner interprets that the "pseudo-cursor" is generated at the current position of the hosts mouse cursor and that this location is an "absolute position";

synchronizing the position of a logical mouse and the position of an actual mouse using the absolute position information, (pg 9, paragraph [0087]), i.e. by sending to the target computer a series of mouse commands, it is possible to drive the cursor to the upper left hand-corner (the 0,0 corner), no matter where the cursor was prior to the

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series of commands. The original cursor is then forced back down to be aligned with the cross-hairs.

8. Regarding Claim 2, Schneider teaches the method of Claim 1 as described above. Schneider further teaches:

a virtual presence client (VPC) (i.e. analyzing digitizer control application) calculates said logical mouse position, (pg 9, paragraph [0087]), i.e. the digitizer control application 220(or the analyzing digitizer control application 240) sets the cursor of the target computer to a known location.

9. Regarding Claim 3, Schneider teaches the method of Claim 1 as described above. Schneider further teaches:

the operating system of the logical mouse is tested to determine if it supports(i.e. basic system testing) the use of different human interface descriptors(HIDs), (pg 7, paragraph [0072]), i.e. that microprocessor performs: (1) basic system testing (e.g., code checking, FPGA checking, and RAM testing), (2) transferring mouse and keyboard signals.

10. Regarding Claim 4, Schneider teaches the method of Claim 3 as described above. Schneider further teaches:

the HIDs are USB compatible, (pg 3, paragraph [0031]), i.e. the keyboard and

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mouse are merged into a single interface (e.g., USB or Macintosh-style). The examiner interprets the term "HID" to mean the user clicking on a mouse button where said mouse uses a USB interface.

11. As per Claim 5, Schneider teaches the following:

generating a signal utilizing human interface descriptors (HIDs) at a remote computer, (pg 2, paragraph [0025]), i.e. in general, the system of the present invention transmits a GDI representation of digitized video signals as well as mouse and keyboard signals over a communications link;

the HIDs including a plurality of user-operated devices which may support moving a pointer at a local computer to an absolute position in order to synchronize a local mouse with a remote mouse, (pg 9, paragraph [0087]), i.e. by sending to the target computer a series of mouse commands, it is possible to drive the cursor to the upper left hand-corner (the 0,0 corner), no matter where the cursor was prior to the series of commands. The original cursor is then forced back down to be aligned with the cross-hairs.

12. Regarding Claim 6, Schneider teaches the method of Claim 5 as described above. Schneider further teaches:

a PC tablet(i.e. FGPA) is used to provide the HIDs, (pg 2, paragraph [0025]), i.e.

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the present invention transmits a GDI representation of digitized video signals as well as mouse and keyboard signals. The examiner interprets the term PC tablet to be a graphical device interface the user may alter using a HID(i.e. mouse or keyboard).

13. As per Claim 9, Schneider teaches the following:

A virtual presence server (VPS)(Fig 1A, 12), (pg 9, paragraph [0087]), i.e. the controlling computer 12 generates a pseudo-cursor;

A virtual presence client (VPC)(Fig 3b, 220) communicating with the host, said VPC receiving absolute mouse coordinates without operator intervention, (pg 9, paragraph [0088]), i.e. as the mouse commands are received by the digitizer control application 220 (or the analyzing digitizer control application 240), they are processed and passed on to the target device (which updates its local cursor).

14. Regarding Claim 10, Schneider teaches the architecture of Claim 9 as described above. Schneider further teaches:

one or more human interface descriptors (HIDs) are used in conjunction with a universal serial bus (USB) interface to provide said absolute mouse coordinates(pg 2, paragraph [0025]), i.e. in general, the system of the present invention transmits a GDI representation of digitized video signals as well as mouse and keyboard signals over a communications link, (pg 3, paragraph [0031]), i.e. the keyboard and mouse are merged into a single interface (e.g., USB or Macintosh-style).

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15. Regarding Claim 11, Schneider teaches the architecture of Claim 9 as described above. Schneider further teaches:

the VPS is a PCI card(i.e. PCI FPGA) installed in a PCI slot of the host computer, (pg 2, paragraph [0026]), i.e. the motherboard 104 includes a CPU 106(e.g., Intel 80x86, Motorola 680x0, or PowerPC), memory 108 (e.g., DRAM, ROM, EPROM, EEPROM, SRAM, SDRAM, and Flash RAM), and other optional special purpose logic devices (e.g., ASICs) or configurable logic devices (e.g. GAL and reprogrammable FPGA), (pg 5, paragraph [0054]), i.e. the output is then provided to the Video DSP and PCI FPGAs in order to capture video at the required pixel clock rate.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider in view of US Patent Application Publication 2002/0129353 A1, Williams et al., hereinafter Williams.

16. As per Claim 7, Schneider teaches the following:initializing the USB channel on the host computer with a compatible HID, (pg 2,

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paragraph [0027]), i.e. stored on any one or on a combination of computer readable media, the present invention includes software for controlling both the hardware of the computer 12 and for enabling the computer 12 to interact with a human user. Such software may include, but is not limited to; device drivers;

using such HID over the USB channel to synchronize a remote and local mouse at an absolute position, (pg 9, paragraph [0087]), i.e. by sending to the target computer a series of mouse commands, it is possible to drive the cursor to the upper left hand-corner (the 0,0 corner), no matter where the cursor was prior to the series of commands. The original cursor is then forced back down to be aligned with the crosshairs.

Schneider does not explicitly teach a method for testing and determining operating systems as described in claim 7. However the method of identifying operating systems and writing device code to accomplish such was well known in the art as taught by Williams. It would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the operating system determination method of Schneider with the determination method as taught by Williams:

testing a series of operating systems to determine which human interface descriptors (HIDs)(i.e. driver for peripheral) are supported by such operating systems, (claim 12), i.e. the medium that when executed causes a computer to: retrieve a list of potential driver sources; create a driver profile for the new peripheral comprising at least a new peripheral model number; search sources from said list of sources for a driver matching said driver profile; obtain said matching driver. The examiner finds it inherent

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that in order for said "list of potential driver sources" to exist, there must at one point in time have been testing to determine said drivers for said list;

writing a device code on a virtual presence server (VPS) to ask which operating system (OS)(i.e. version of OS) is in use on a host computer housing the VPS, (claim 23), i.e. a computer program product as defined by claim 12 wherein causing the computer to create a driver profile further comprises causing the computer to determine a version and a language for the operating system;

determining which OS is in use on the host computer, (claim 23), i.e. determine a version and a language for the operating system;

One skilled in the art at the time the invention was made would be motivated to modify the operating system detection and compatibility of Schneider with the method taught by Williams because in the past, (pg 1, paragraph [0005]), users are required to correctly make several determinations to choose the proper drive amongst the several available to install. For example, users must accurately determine factors such as what version operating system the are using, what model peripheral they are installing, what feature sets are supported by the peripheral, and the like.

17. As per Claim 8, Schneider teaches the following:

Synchronizing the local and remote host mouse positions using the HIDs, transparently without the need for operator intervention, (pg 9, paragraph [0087]), i.e. by sending to the target computer a series of mouse commands, it is possible to drive the cursor to the upper left hand-corner (the 0,0 corner), no matter where the cursor was

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prior to the series of commands. The original cursor is then forced back down to be aligned with the cross-hairs.

Schneider does not explicitly teach a method for testing the compatibility of different HIDs with an OS as described in claim 8. However the method of testing the compatibility of different devices with different operating systems was well known in the art as taught by Williams. It would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the compatibility testing method of Schneider with the testing method as taught by Williams:

Trying different human interface descriptors (HIDs)(i.e. driver) to determine which HIDs, work with an operating system (OS) in use, (claim 12), i.e. the medium that when executed causes a computer to: retrieve a list of potential driver sources; create a driver profile for the new peripheral comprising at least a new peripheral model number; search sources from said list of sources for a driver matching said driver profile; obtain said matching driver.

Conclusion

18. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US 5,828,372 discusses another collaboration system where a control terminal may display a pointer on a plurality of display devices as well as creating an indication mark at designated coordinates;

US 5,986,644 discusses a remote control system that can control a PC by

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sending and coordinating the position of the cursor of the display of said PC;

US 6,072,463 discusses a conference communication system where multiple terminals may each display coordinated pointers on one another;

US 7,127,678 B2 discusses detecting an operating system on the host of a USB device and installing appropriate drivers associated with said operating system;

US 2003/0005177 A1 discusses a method of loading hardware devices and detecting operating systems utilizing USB;

JP 05083413 A discusses a method for transmitting and receiving pointing device information between different terminals in real time.

19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory A. DiStefano whose telephone number is (571)270-1644. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xiao Wu can be reached on (571)272-7761. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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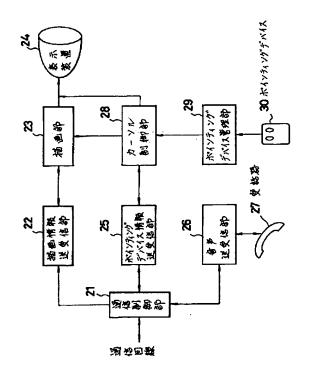
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(54) 【発明の名称 】 描画通信端末装置

(57)【要約】

【目的】 双方向描画通信の基本機能に加え、画像を破 壊せずに指す, なぞる等の非描画意志伝達を可能とす

【構成】 座標、移動量などのポインティングデバイス 情報を端末相互間で送受信する機構と、自らに接続され たポインティングデバイスに追従するカーソルと相手側 端末から送信されたポインティングデバイス情報に追従 するカーソルを各々独立に表示する機構を具備したもの である。



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【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 音声信号を送受信する音声送受信装置 と、文字・図形を表示可能な表示装置と、文字・図形の 描画情報を送受信する描画情報送受信装置と、ポインテ ィングデバイスおよびポインティングデバイス管理部 と、ポインティングデバイスの座標等の情報を送受信す るためのポインティングデバイス情報送受信装置と、自 らに接続されたポインティングデバイスに追従するカー ソルとポインティングデバイス情報送受信装置で受信し た情報に追従するカーソルを独立に表示するカーソル制 10 モートカーソルという)である。 御部と、それぞれのカーソル操作に従い表示装置に対し て文字・図形などの描画を行う描画部を有することを特 徴とする描画通信端末装置。

【発明の詳細な説明】

[0001]

【産業上の利用分野】本発明は、描画通信端末に関する ものである。

[0002]

【従来の技術】近年、テレライティングと呼ばれる分野 に代表される描画通信が注目されている。これらは音声 20 による通話と同時に文字・図形情報を送受信するもので あり、通話者同士が同じ画像をリアルタイムに変更しな がら情報交換を行うものである。

[0003]

【発明が解決しようとする課題】しかしながら、上記従 来の描画通信は、通話者が画像に対して行える表現手段 は描画しかなく、画像を変更せずに行いたい意志伝達、 つまり指す・なぞるといった意志伝達の手段は提供され ていなかった。ところが、実際に紙や黒板などに書いた る図に対する行動としては、文字・図形の追加・削除よ りも指す・なぞるといった非描画行動の方がはるかに多 いため、円滑な意志伝達ができないという問題があっ

【0004】本発明は上記従来の問題を解決するもので あり、非描画意志伝達の可能な描画通信端末を提供する ことを目的とするものである。

[0005]

【課題を解決するための手段】本発明は上記目的を達成 するために、座標・移動量などのポインティングデバイ ス情報を端末相互間で送受信する機構と、自らに接続さ れたポインティングデバイスに追従するカーソルと相手 側端末から送信されたポインティングデバイス情報に追 従するカーソルを各々独立に表示する機構を備えるよう にしたものである。

[0006]

【作用】したがって本発明によれば、操作者側端末のポ インティングデバイスに追従する操作者側端末上のカー ソルと全く同じ動きをするカーソルを相手側端末上に表 示できる。これにより、カーソルの動きそのものを双方 50 どるといった日常的意志伝達が可能となる効果を有す

向に伝達できるようになる。

[0007]

【実施例】図1は本発明の一実施例により表示装置上に 表示された画像およびカーソルを示している。 図1にお いて、11は表示装置画面、12および13は描画ツールを含 むメニュー、14は描画領域、15は操作者側端末のポイン ティングデバイスに追従するカーソル(以下、ローカル カーソルという)、16は相手側端末から送信されたポイ ンティングデバイス情報に追従するカーソル(以下、リ

【0008】図2は本発明の一実施例における描画通信 端末の構成を示したものである。図2において、21は通 信回線を通して相手描画通信端末装置との通話を制御す る通信制御部、22は描画情報送受信部、23は描画部、24 は表示装置、25はポインティングデバイス情報送受信 部、26は音声送受信部、27は受話器であって音声の入出 力および送受信を行う。28はカーソル制御部、29はポイ ンティングデバイス管理部、30はポインティングデバイ スである。

【0009】次に、上記実施例の動作を図1および図2 を参照して説明する。ポインティングデバイス管理部29 はポインティングデバイス30からの情報をデコードして カーソル制御部28へ渡す。カーソル制御部28はポインテ ィングデバイス30の情報からローカルカーソル15の位置 を決定して表示装置24に表示すると同時に、ローカルカ ーソル15の位置情報をポインティング情報送受信部25に よって相手側端末へ送出する。ローカルカーソル15が描 画部23によって管理されるメニュー12,13に作用し文字 ・図形などの描画が発生した場合、表示装置24に対して 図を使用して複数の人間が意志交換を行う場合、該当す 30 描画が行われると同時に、その描画情報は描画情報送受 信部22によって通信制御部21へ送られ、音声を含めたこ れらのデータは通信制御部21にて統合されて通信回線を 経て相手側端末へ送出される。

> 【0010】通信回線から受信したデータは通信制御部 21によって描画情報,ポインティングデバイス情報,音 声情報に分離される。描画部23は描画情報を描画情報送 受信部22から取得し、文字・図形を表示装置24に表示す る。これにより相手側端末で発生した描画受信側端末上 に反映される。カーソル制御部28はポインティングデバ イス情報送受信部25からリモートカーソル16の位置を取 得し、リモートカーソル16を表示装置24に表示する。こ れにより相手側端末におけるカーソルの動きがリモート カーソルの動きとして受信側端末上に反映される。

[0011]

【発明の効果】本発明は上記実施例から明らかなよう に、音声による通話と同時に文字・図形情報を送受信 し、通話者同士が同じ画像をリアルタイムに変更しなが ら情報交換を行うという双方向描画通信端末の基本機能 に加え、画像を破壊せずにある部分を指す、なぞる、た 3

る。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明の一実施例における描画通信端末装置の 表示装置上のカーソル表示の例を示した図である。 【図2】本発明の一実施例における描画通信端末装置の

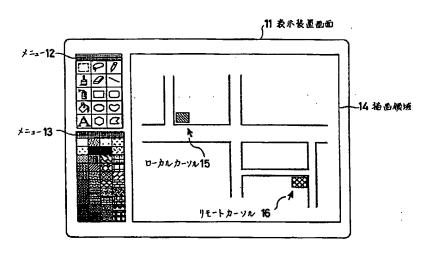
【図2】本発明の一実施例における描画通信端末装置の ブロック構成図である。

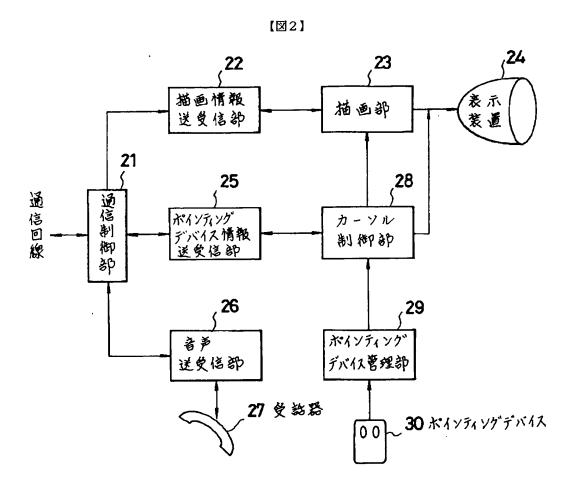
【符号の説明】

11…表示装置画面、 12, 13…メニュー、 14…描画領域、 15…ローカルカーソル、 16…リモートカーソル、 21…通信制御部、 22…描画情報送受信部、23…描画部、 24…表示装置、 25…ポインティングデバイス情報送受信部、26…音声送受信部、 27…受話器、28…カーソル制御部、 29…ポインティングデバイス管理部、 30…ポインティングデバイス。

【図1】

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ABSTRACT:

PURPOSE: To execute such a non-plotting will transfer as indicating,

tracing, etc., by providing a mechanism for transmitting and receiving pointing

<u>device</u> information between each <u>terminal</u>, and displaying independently a cursor for following its information, respectively.

CONSTITUTION: Information from a **pointing device** 30 is decoded by a managing

part 29 and sent to a cursor control part 28, and a position of a local cursor

15 is determined and displayed on a <u>device</u> 24. Simultaneously, position

information is sent out to the other party side **terminal** by an information

transmitting/ receiving part 25. In such a state, when plotting of a character

and a graphic is generated, it is sent out together with a voice to the other

party side <u>terminal</u> from a communication control part 21 through a plotting

information transmitting/receiving part 22. On the other hand, in the other

party side <u>terminal</u>, <u>receive</u> data is separated into plotting information,

pointing device information and voice information by the communication control

part 21, and thereafter, the plotting information is displayed on the display

part 24, and also, a position of a cursor 16 is displayed by a cursor control

part 28. In such a way, such a will transfer as each talker indicates, traces,

etc., the same image in real time can be executed.

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